production and productivity of various Agricultural and Horticultural crops in all States including Uttaranchal and to keep them engaged in this sector. However, this Department is not implementing any specific Scheme for the creation of employment opportunities in the States including Uttaranchal.

Decrease in oilseed production

†5124. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the oilseed production in the country was 24.75 million ton during 1998-1999 which has now come down to 15.44 million ton;

(b) if not, Government's assessment in this regard;

(c) whether it is also fact that lack of incentives in this field is the reason for the continuous decrease in the said production; and

(d) if not, the incentives given by Government to the oilseed producers during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) and (b) The Oilseed Production in the country was 24.75 million tonnes during 1998-1999 which has now come down to 15.57 million tonnes during 2002-03.

(c) and (d) The main reason for the shortfall in production is the drought like condition prevailing in major oilseeds growing States in the country during the last three years. In order to increase the production of oilseeds in the country, a Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is under implementation. Under the scheme, financial assistance by way of incentives are given to the farmers for various inputs like production and distribution of seeds, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, rhyzobium culture micro nutrients etc. In order to disseminate the production technology amongst the farmers frontline demonstrations by the I.C.A.R. and block demonstrations by the State Department of Agriculture are organized. The pattern of financial assistance being provided under the scheme is given in the enclosed Statement.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Pattern of Financial Assistance being provided under Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP)

Sl. No.	Component	Sharing between Central: State
1	2	3
1.	**Seed**	
(i)	Purchase of Breeder seed	75:25 basis (Actual cost to be reimbursed)
(ii)	Production of foundation seed	75:25 basis (Rs.500/- per quintal)
(iii)	Production of certified seed (Seed Village Scheme)	75:25 basis(Rs.500/- per quintal)
(iv)	Distribution of certified seed	75:25 basis (30% of the cost of seed of groundnut & Soyabean or Rs.800/- per quintal which ever is less)
(v)	Distribution of minikits	100% basis (free of cost)
(vi)	Infrastructure Development	75:25 basis (Assistance for irrigation facilities, storage & Threshing floors)
2.	**Demonstration**	
(i)	Block Demonstrations	75:25 basis (50% cost of the inputs)
(ii)	Integrated pest management (IPM) Pharomone traps & Rodent Control	75:25 basis (1500/- ha. including pheromone traps and rodent control)
(iii)	Assistance to ICAR for Front line Demonstrations	100% basis (Actual cost of the demonstration limited to Rs. 4000/- per ha.)
3.	**Seed treatment**	75:25 basis (cost of the chemical limited to Rs.100/- per ha.

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4.	**Root Grub Control**	75:25 basis (50% cost of the chemical limited to Rs.100/- per ha.)
5.	**Micro-Nutrients**	75:25 basis (50% cost of the micro nutrient limited to Rs.200/- per ha.)
6.	**Improved Farm Implements**	75:25 basis (50% cost of the implement limited to Rs.2000/- per implement)
	Power Driven	75:25 basis(30% cost of the power driven implement or Rs. 10,000/- per power implement which ever is less.
7.	**Distribution of gypsum/pyrite**	75:25 basis (50% cost of the material + transportation limited to Rs.500/- per ha.) which ever is less)
8.	**Distribution of sprinkler sets**	75:25 basis (50% cost of the sprinkler sets or Rs. 15000/- per set which ever is less for SC/ ST, Small & marginal and woman farmers).
		75:25 basis (33% cost of the sprinkler set or Rs.10,000/- per set which ever is less for others categories of farmers).
9.	**Farmers Training**	75:25 basis (Rs. 15000/- per training for a batch of 50 farmers).
10.	**(i) Plant Protection Chemicals**	75:25 basis (50% cost of the chemical or Rs.500/- per ha/which ever is less).
	(ii) Plant Protection equipments	75:25 basis (50% cost of the equipment or Rs.800 per PPE which ever is less for manually operated and Rs.2000/ per PPE for power operated sprayers/dusters).
11.	**Weedicides**	75:25 basis (50% cost of the chemical or Rs.500 per ha. which ever is less).
12.	**Supply of Rhizobium culture/phosphate Solublising Bacteria**	75:25 basis (50% cost of the culture or Rs.50/ - per ha. which ever is less).